

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 544

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to honor the Roane State Community College Raiders basketball team on winning the TCCAA/NJCAA Region 7 Championship and making the school's second appearance in the NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize a team of remarkable young men who selflessly united behind their strengths to attain the very pinnacle of collegiate basketball; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2022-2023 Roane State Community College men's basketball team elevated themselves to elite status in college basketball by posting an overall record of 23-9 and winning back to back TCCAA/NJCAA Region 7 Championships; and

WHEREAS, the conference championship earned the Raiders their second National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Tournament berth in school history, generating great excitement in the Roane State community; and

WHEREAS, proudly representing Roane State Community College and the State of Tennessee at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kansas, the Raiders valiantly staged a second-half comeback, closing a twenty-two point deficit to just three points, coming just short of achieving their first tournament victory; and

WHEREAS, the Raiders were a force to be reckoned with this past season as highlighted by freshman guard Sebastian Tidor, who was recognized as the Appalachian District Freshman of the Year, and sophomore forward Cearius Warren, who was honored as the Appalachian District Defensive Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, this magical season was made possible by the leadership, acumen, and instruction of Coach Alan Holt, who, in just his second year at the helm of the program, was

recognized as Coach of the Year for the Appalachian District for the second consecutive year;
and

WHEREAS, the Roane State Raiders enjoyed a historic season, and they should be commended as they hoist their TCCAA/NJCAA Region 7 Championship banner; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the Roane State Community College Raiders basketball team on winning the 2023 TCCAA/NJCAA District 7 Championship, congratulate the coaches and players on making the school's second appearance in the NJCAA Men's Basketball Championship, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success next season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.